

# BLUES AIM FOR FINAL

WYCOMBE WANDERERS, winners of the Premier Midweek Floodlight League in 1970 and runners up the following year, bid for their third appearance in the final tonight (Tuesday) when they meet Horsham in the semi-final at Loakes Park.

Wanderers have lost only one game in section B this term, 1-2 at Wokingham Town and they also dropped a point in their 2-2 draw at Marlow. Apart from that they have cruised into top place, eight points clear of second placed Wokingham Town.

One of the best victories came when they hammered Banbury United 8-0 at Loakes Park and generally they have been a class above their opposition.

Horsham, by contrast, narrowly clinched first place in section D with a 2-1 win over Addlestone. They were hard pressed by Isthmian Leaguers Kingstorian, who finished one point behind them. Horsham's results against the "Kings" were a 2-0 home win and an away 5-2 verdict.

Joining the Athenian League in 1967, Horsham won promotion from division two in 1970 and this year have enjoyed by far their best ever season. Indeed,

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they need four points from their last two league matches to break the record for the most points in a season — 52.

Horsham's main strength is upfront, where strikers Dave Hutchins and Colin Newstead have been hitting the target regularly. Hutchins has 23 goals and Newstead 21. Managed by former Sutton player Roy Osbourne, Horsham will be anxious to make an impression tonight as they are joining the new division two in the Isthmian League next term.

The visitors are undoubtedly one of the top sides in Sussex

and no less than six of their players have represented the county. Four have also played for Athenian League representative sides.

Wanderers will be bidding for their second final of the season, the other being the Berks and Bucks Senior Cup.

Wanderers have three serious injury worries — Rob Williams, Brian Langfield and Derek Gamblin. Williams and Langfield were injured in Friday night's game against Willington.

Gamblin, out of the side for several games, has ankle trouble while Williams came off at half time on Friday with a leg injury. Langfield had to be helped off after a bad fall in the same game.

The winners of the tie have been drawn at home — the second time for Wycombe if they are successful — against the winners of sections C or A versus section E.

Hayes are already established as section C winners but A is still undecided between Leytonstone and Dagenham. Leyton have sewn up section E. A date for the final has yet to be arranged.

## All the tables

### PREMIER MIDWEEK FLOODLIGHT LEAGUE

#### Section A

|             | P  | Home |   |   | L | Away |   |   | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|-------------|----|------|---|---|---|------|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
|             |    | W    | D |   |   | W    | D |   |   |    |    |     |
| Dagenham    | 9  | 4    | 0 | 1 |   | 3    | 0 | 1 |   | 24 | 6  | 17  |
| Leytonstone | 8  | 3    | 0 | 0 |   | 2    | 1 | 2 |   | 12 | 4  | 13  |
| Barnet      | 9  | 0    | 2 | 3 |   | 3    | 0 | 1 |   | 10 | 24 | 11  |
| Harlow      | 10 | 2    | 2 | 1 |   | 1    | 1 | 3 |   | 11 | 12 | 11  |
| Walthamstow | 10 | 2    | 1 | 2 |   | 0    | 3 | 2 |   | 11 | 13 | 8   |
| Cheshunt    | 10 | 0    | 3 | 2 |   | 0    | 2 | 3 |   | 4  | 13 | 5   |

#### Section B

|            | P  | Home |   |   | L | Away |   |   | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|------------|----|------|---|---|---|------|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
|            |    | W    | D |   |   | W    | D |   |   |    |    |     |
| Wycombe W. | 10 | 5    | 0 | 0 |   | 3    | 1 | 1 |   | 34 | 8  | 20  |
| Wokingham  | 10 | 3    | 2 | 0 |   | 1    | 1 | 3 |   | 10 | 14 | 12  |
| Marlow     | 10 | 1    | 3 | 1 |   | 2    | 0 | 3 |   | 15 | 16 | 11  |
| Banbury    | 10 | 3    | 0 | 2 |   | 1    | 2 | 2 |   | 14 | 21 | 11  |
| Oxford     | 10 | 2    | 0 | 3 |   | 1    | 1 | 3 |   | 18 | 20 | 8   |
| Chesham    | 10 | 0    | 2 | 3 |   | 1    | 2 | 2 |   | 10 | 22 | 7   |

#### Section C

|            | P  | Home |   |   | L | Away |   |   | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|------------|----|------|---|---|---|------|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
|            |    | W    | D |   |   | W    | D |   |   |    |    |     |
| Hayes      | 10 | 3    | 1 | 1 |   | 4    | 1 | 0 |   | 26 | 4  | 20  |
| Slough     | 9  | 2    | 2 | 0 |   | 3    | 2 | 0 |   | 14 | 6  | 17  |
| Maidenhead | 9  | 2    | 0 | 3 |   | 2    | 0 | 2 |   | 10 | 15 | 10  |
| Southall   | 10 | 2    | 2 | 1 |   | 2    | 0 | 3 |   | 13 | 16 | 9   |
| Hampton    | 10 | 1    | 1 | 3 |   | 1    | 1 | 3 |   | 7  | 15 | 7   |
| Wembley    | 10 | 1    | 0 | 4 |   | 1    | 2 | 2 |   | 9  | 23 | 7   |

#### Section D

|             | P  | Home |   |   | L | Away |   |   | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|-------------|----|------|---|---|---|------|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
|             |    | W    | D |   |   | W    | D |   |   |    |    |     |
| Horsham     | 10 | 3    | 0 | 2 |   | 4    | 1 | 0 |   | 28 | 16 | 19  |
| Kingstorian | 10 | 4    | 0 | 1 |   | 3    | 0 | 2 |   | 17 | 11 | 17  |
| Tooting     | 10 | 3    | 1 | 1 |   | 2    | 1 | 2 |   | 13 | 15 | 14  |
| Addlestone  | 10 | 3    | 0 | 2 |   | 0    | 2 | 3 |   | 12 | 14 | 8   |
| Molesey     | 10 | 0    | 3 | 2 |   | 1    | 1 | 3 |   | 11 | 17 | 7   |
| Redhill     | 10 | 1    | 1 | 3 |   | 1    | 0 | 4 |   | 12 | 20 | 6   |

#### Section E

|            | P  | Home |   |   | L | Away |   |   | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|------------|----|------|---|---|---|------|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
|            |    | W    | D |   |   | W    | D |   |   |    |    |     |
| Leyton     | 10 | 4    | 1 | 0 |   | 3    | 1 | 1 |   | 21 | 7  | 19  |
| Tilbury    | 10 | 2    | 2 | 1 |   | 4    | 0 | 1 |   | 28 | 13 | 18  |
| Dulwich    | 10 | 3    | 0 | 2 |   | 2    | 2 | 1 |   | 18 | 13 | 14  |
| Barking    | 10 | 2    | 0 | 3 |   | 1    | 2 | 2 |   | 14 | 12 | 9   |
| Croydon    | 10 | 2    | 1 | 2 |   | 1    | 0 | 4 |   | 15 | 23 | 8   |
| Hornchurch | 10 | 0    | 1 | 1 |   | 1    | 0 | 4 |   | 4  | 9  | 4   |